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1. THE FOLLOWING PROGRESS REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR THE MONTH ENDING 10 SEPTEMBER 1968. THE AMBASSADOR CONCURS.

2. BACKGROUND.

A. LOCAL REACTION TO SOVIET INVASION OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA LATE AUGUST PUT COMMUNIST PARTY ON DEFENSIVE FOR REGRETFULLY BRIEF PERIOD. PDC ISSUED FORTHRIGHT AND PROMPT CONDEMNATION OF SOVIETS FOLLOWED BY SOCIALISTS AND NATIONAL PARTY, LATTER BY FAR STRONGEST AMONG PARTIES BUT NO MORE STINGING THAN FREI AND GOC STATEMENTS.

COMMUNIST COUNTERATTACK IN EL SIGLO; FIGHTING SPEECH OF SECTY GENL LUIS CORVALAN TO PACKED SOLIDARITY MEETING AT LOCAL THEATER SUPPORTING SOVIET LINE ABOUT DEFENSE OF CZECH SOCIALISM"

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GUARDING OF SOVIET EMBASSY BY PARTY GOON SQUADS
AND SUBSEQUENT FENCE MENDING TOUR OF COUNTRY BY
PARTY LEADERS WAS WELL EXECUTED AND DID MUCH TO
TAKE LOCAL STING OUT OF GENERALLY ADVERSE
REACTION TO SOVIET ACTIONS.

B. ATTACKS ON SOVIET EMBASSY BY NATIONAL
PARTY WOMEN AND CATHOLIC YOUTH WAS SPONTANEOUS AND
REFRESHING, IF VERY MODEST, INDICATION SOVIETS NOT
YET SACROSANCT AS LARGE. UNFORTUNATELY, COMMUNIST
PARTY ABLE MAINTAIN ITS CHILEAN IMAGE IN SPITE FACT
PARTY YOUTH QUICKLY CAME TO AID OF SOVIET EMBASSY
AND EFFECTIVELY STOPPED FURTHER HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS.

C. RESIGNATION OF HUMBERTO ENRIQUEZ AND INES
ENRIQUEZ AS SENATORIAL CANDIDATES 7TH AND 9TH
AGRUPACIONES PROTESTING RADICAL PARTY FAILURE
CONDEMN SOVIETS FOLLOWED 3 SEPT BY 10-HOUR
OCCUPATION RADICAL PARTY HEADQUARTERS BY DISSIDENT
RADICAL WOMEN ALSO PROTESTING RADICAL PARTY LEADERS
STAND ON CZECH ISSUE RADICAL PARTY MODERATES

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PLANNING SEND THESE WOMEN ON TOUR TO CARRY FIGHT
AGAINST CEN TO ASAMBLEA LEVEL. MODERATES

RECOGNIZE PROBABLE FUTILITY THIS MODEST PROGRAM
AND IN STRATEGY SESSIONS FACTIONALISM AMONG
MODERATES STILL EVIDENT.

3. ELECTION TEAM ACTIVITIES:

A. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES:

B. GENERAL SUPPORT ACTIVITIES: EVIDENCE

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THAT PRIVATE BUSINESS COVERTLY FUNDING RADICAL
PARTY CANDIDATES INCLUDING CEN LEFTISTS, PARTICU-
LARLY HUGO MIRANDA, HAS REQUIRED COUNTER-ACTION

IN BUSINESS COMMUNITY. DENIAL
OF FUNDS TO RADICALS FROM BUSINESS INTERESTS
WILL CONTINUE RECEIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION.

JRN FUNDS: PAID ESCUDOS

5. PLANS: (1) BECAUSE WOMEN'S VOTE VITAL IN
1964 ELECTIONS, CURRENT POSSIBILITIES BEING
EXAMINED TO ORGANIZE WOMEN AGAINST FRAR

OBJECTIVE IS ORGANIZE OUTSIDE PARTY LINES
BUT MAKE DEFINITE PITCH FOR BOTH NATIONALIST AND
RADICAL WOMEN AS WELL AS INDEPENDENTS. (2)

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